

April 8, 2009 Airport Commission Minutes

Vice-Chairman Bluemke called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present for today's meeting were Commissioners Falstad and Schoepke. Chairman Crowley and Secretary Richards were not present. Others present: Val Ramos, Airport Administration; Andrew Groth, Control Tower; Steve Betzler, AOPA/B17 Tour; Kurt Stanich, Airport Operations Assistant; Keith Markano, Airport Manager; and Harry Becker, Atlantic Aviation.

Approve/modify meeting minutes of March 11, 2009 – Commissioner Falstad moved to approve the March 11, 2009 minutes with a second by Commissioner Schoepke. The motion passed.

Public comment/correspondence – None.

Discussion and action assignment of lease 2317 Aviation Drive (Paul Walter) to Andy Kanehl
– No one was present for this agenda item. No action taken.

Chairman's report – Vice-chairman Bluemke congratulated Atlantic Aviation on the top twenty ranking of fixed base operators nationwide and ranking number one in the state. Vice-chairman Bluemke asked Mr. Markano for an update on the marketing plan for the airport. Mr. Markano said he had a meeting with a professor from Carroll University and his students to discuss a marketing project for the airport. He said the meeting went very well and the students were very excited to learn more on the project. Mr. Markano said the County's marketing group and Carroll University marketing students would work together on this project. The cost to have the students work on this project would fit well into the airport-operating budget and the County's Finance Department is fine with this. Mr. Markano said more information would be provided to the Commission later date and that this would come up as an action item in a future meeting.

Airport Manager's report – Mr. Markano also extended congratulations to Atlantic Aviation for top ranking of fixed base operators. Mr. Markano met with the Bureau of Aeronautics to discuss airport projects. He said some of the projects would be sliding back because of the economic timing. The gate project will begin this fall with a new gate for the southeast hangar area. There was no update on the legislation for the four-year FAA reauthorization for AIP funding. The large aircraft security program has been quiet so there is not much to report to the Commission.

Future Commission agenda items – Marketing for airport and B17 event update.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Falstad with a second by Commissioner Schoepke. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Next Commission Meeting: May 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Bluemke
Vice-Chair
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